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By and for the West End Neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

Normally 4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
West End Room
William G. White YMCA
775 W End Blvd, Winston-Salem
Next Meeting
25 Aug by Video
Conference. Check West End ListServ for details.

Historic Resources Commission Meetings

1st Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

West End Collections

Garbage & Yard Waste
Thursdays, weekly.

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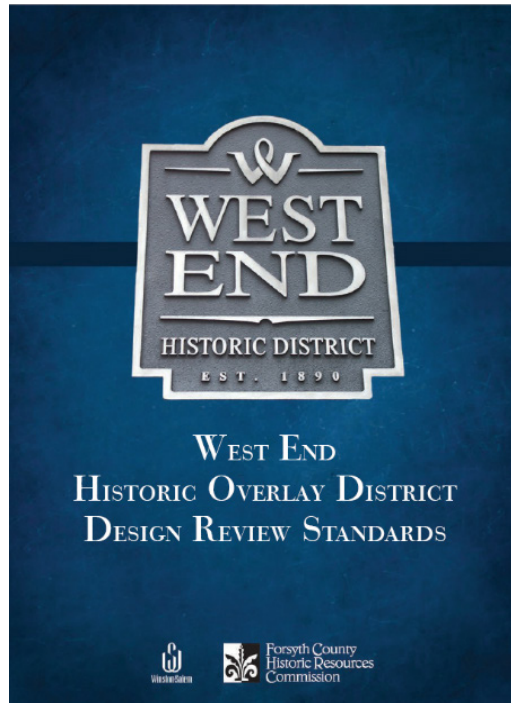
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August 2020

West End Design Review Standards Approved

Editors' Note: The new Design Review Standards have been approved and are now active for all property owners within the West End Historic Overlay. Historic Resources Project Planner Heather Bratland has provided a summary of some of the most significant changes.

-Heather Bratland



On July 2, 2020, new Design Review Standards became effective in the West End. The Standards are the result of many years of work by the Historic Resources Commission and its staff, the West End Association, residents, and property owners. Although in most ways the Standards restate and clarify the 2006 Guidelines, there are a few major changes. Read on to learn about some of the most significant revisions.

>>See page 2 of this issue for a summary of some of the most significant changes.<<

Many of these revisions were made to focus the Commission and staff on the thing we are charged with protecting – the historic buildings of West End!

Download a full copy of the Standards from the City's website at

<https://www.cityofws.org/DocumentCenter/View/4089>

If you have questions about the Standards or need to speak with staff about applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness, please contact Heather Bratland at

heatherb@cityofws.org.

WEA Social Committee Request for Input

The West End Association needs your feedback! The Social Committee is conducting a short survey to determine what type of WEA-sponsored social events are of most interest to our community members, both pre- and post-COVID. Our goal is to ensure that we are planning events that align with the diverse interests of the neighborhood. Please give us 3 minutes (or less!) to complete the survey and help steer the direction of future West End Association events. You can find the link to the survey on the West End Facebook page or the West End Listserv.

>>The West End Association Board Social Committee



Significant Changes to Design Standards

WEST END

HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS

>For the first time, the Standards clearly define areas of high and low visibility.

- Changes to the building and yard in areas of high visibility – the street and side facades/yards – continue to be more strictly regulated because they impact the historic streetscape; they can be more readily seen by the public.
- The Standards are more flexible with respect to changes to the building and yard in areas of low visibility – the rear façade/yard.
- The rear yards of corner lots are defined as areas of low visibility to give owners flexibility in fencing their rear yards and making other accommodations to modern life.

>The Standards introduce a feasibility test for considering the use of substitute materials. Substitute materials may be considered by the Commission when

using the original materials is not feasible for one of the following reasons:

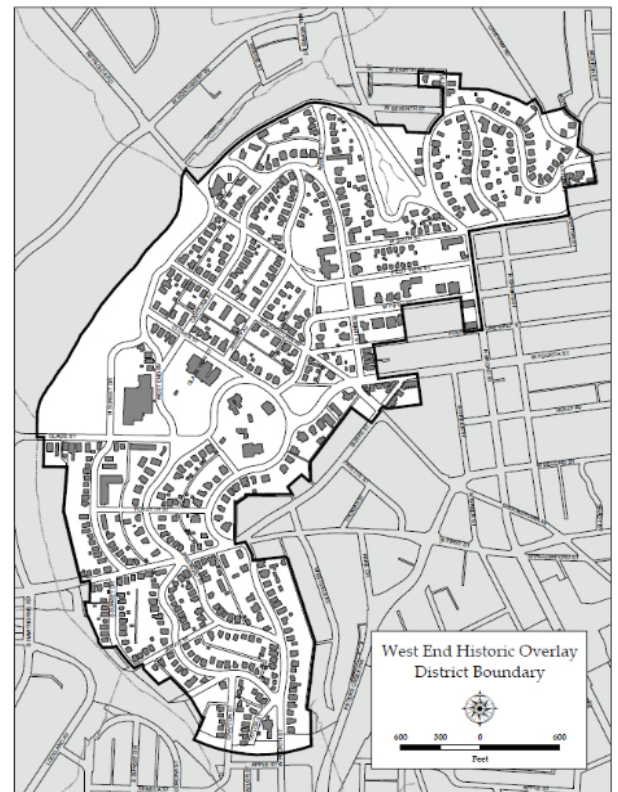
- Historic materials are not available;
- Skilled craftspeople are not available;
- The original design or materials are inherently flawed; or
- Modern life-safety codes require changes.

>The Standards now explicitly require the use of simulated-divided-light windows in areas of high visibility when replacement is permitted. Simulated-divided-light windows have permanently applied internal and external muntins or grilles, sometimes with a spacer between the glass.

>The Standards permit the use of internally-illuminated and backlit signs on purpose-built commercial structures. Lighting is limited to individual letters and accents; the entire panel may not be lit. Internally-lit signs remain prohibited on houses that have been converted for commercial use.

>The Standards no longer regulate trees and other vegetation on private property. Street trees in the planting strip between the sidewalk and street are the property of the City and remain protected. If you would like to prune or remove these trees, contact the City's Urban Forester.

>Fence heights are no longer strictly limited to 42" in areas of high visibility and 8' in areas of low visibility by the Standards. The appropriateness of a fence will be determined by considering its materials, design, height, and the level of transparency through it in the context of its proposed location.



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Demolition of the old Wiley gym began at the end of June 2020 after approval by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board. The building is now gone, and the site is being prepared for construction. A mechanical room will be built in the main school building to house the school heating system to be completed by October 2020. The new building should be ready for occupancy in March 2022.



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